

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**ITEM**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

28E Agreement with the Keokuk Yacht Club, Inc.

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Approval is requested for the Department of Natural Resources to enter into a 28E agreement with the Keokuk Yacht Club, Inc (Yacht Club) to receive a \$100,000 Tier 1 Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG). This grant program is administered by the U S Fish & Wildlife Service. The BIG program gives the DNR, as grantee, the authority to extend grant money to a third party who submits the most advantageous proposal. Packets announcing the program were sent to four interested parties and an announcement published in the Des Moines Register. The Yacht Club is the only party that submitted a proposal. Grant money is available according to a cost share of 75% federal money and 25% local money.

The BIG program provides funding to construct, renovate and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters. A transient boat is a vessel 26 feet or more in length that moors at any one place 10 days or less. The Yacht Club will use the grant money to install an 8' X 300' dock and make modification to existing facilities in effort to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The Yacht Club is located north of the City of Keokuk and adjacent to the Mississippi River.

Commission approval will only make the federal grant money available to the Yacht Club. The Yacht Club is responsible for project design, construction oversight and the 25% local match.

We recommend that the Department enter into a 28E contract agreement with the Keokuk Yacht Club, Inc.

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